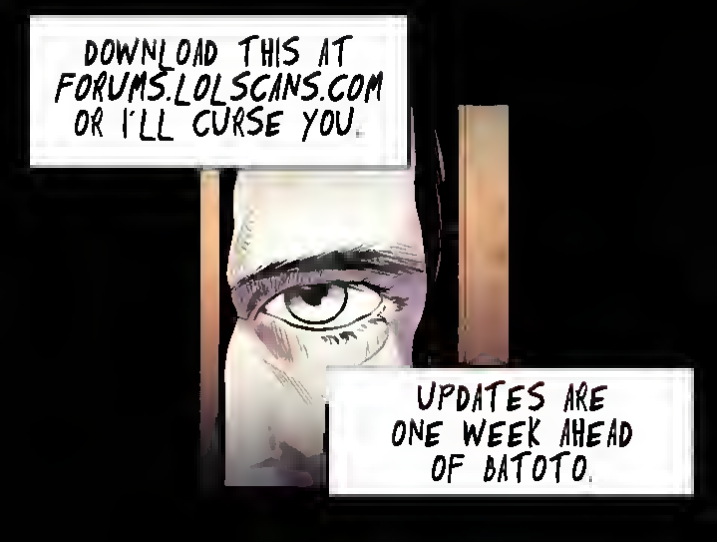
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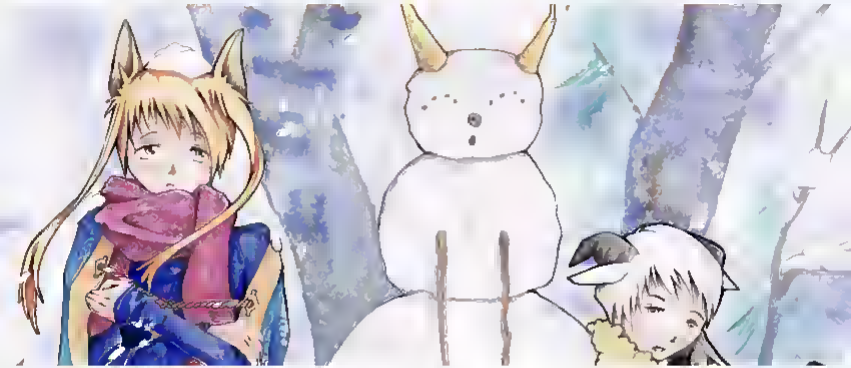

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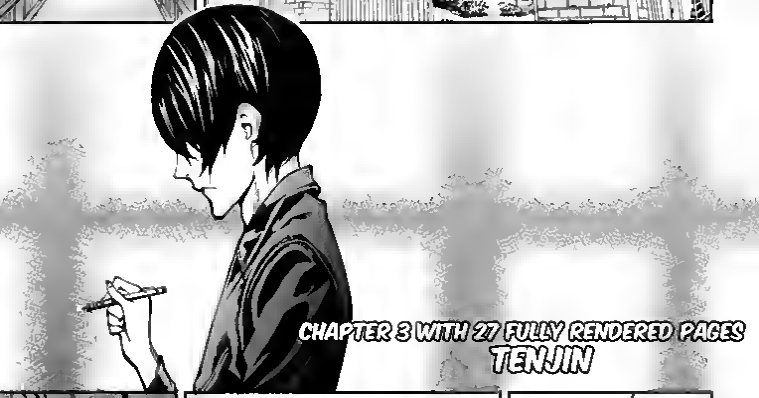

CHAPTER 3 WITH 27 FULLY RENDERED PAGES
TENJIN

!
(ATTENTION)
THIS IS...

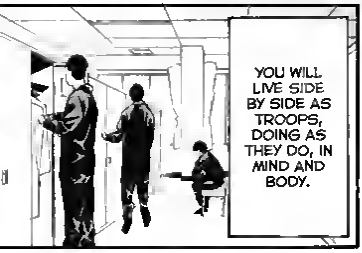
UNIT
FLIGHT TIME
ASSIGNED SQUAD C
COMMENDATIONS
GIVEN NAME SAKAGAMI

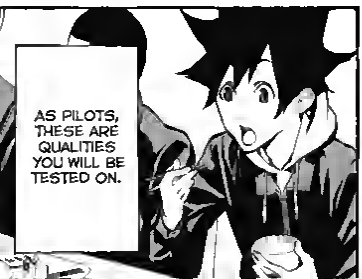
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME
!!
I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
YES
IT WAS HOMECOMING SEASON IN SHOYOU, AND I CAUGHT THE LAST RETURN TRIP TO HOUFU

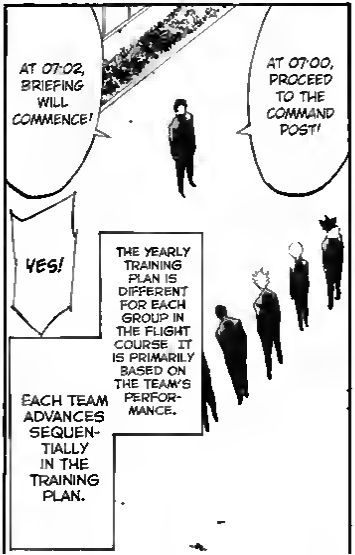
IS HE THE ONE YOU'VE MENTIONED BEFORE?
"A DISCOURSE ON THE 50 YEARS OF OPERATION OF THE JAPANESE AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCES"
HOHO . HE TRULY IS TALENTED
HEHE... DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE CHOSE FOR HIS 4TH YEAR THESIS TOPIC?
HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW WOULD WANT TO MAKE A STUDY THAT COVERS 50 YEARS OF OUR GROUP'S EXISTENCE?
THAT'S RIGHT
—WAS WHAT HE WROTE ABOUT
OUR PRODIGY...
TAKAOKA HAYARI
OUT OF OUR CURRENT SET OF AVIATORS, HE'S THE ONE WITH THE HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS

BARRACKS
WAKE UP!
SEIKO

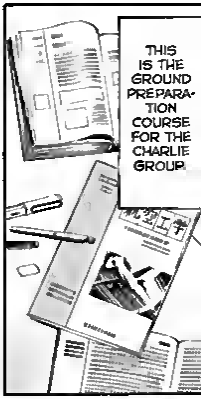
SASAKI
YES
OOYASU
YES
SAKAGAMI
YES
CHARLIE GROUP
MORNING ROLL CALL
GOOD MORNING, SIR!

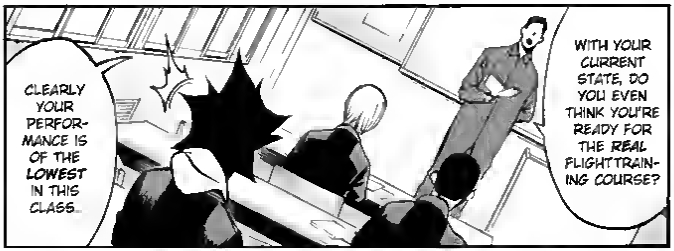

YOU WILL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE AS TROOPS, DOING AS THEY DO, IN MIND AND BODY.

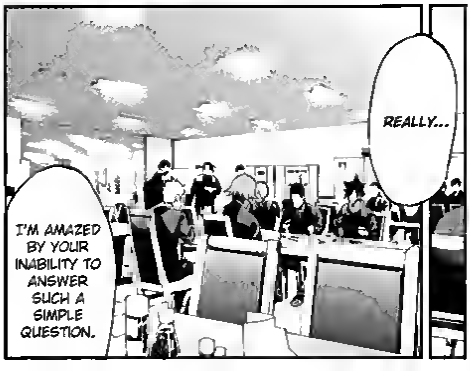

AS PILOTS, THESE ARE QUALITIES YOU WILL BE TESTED ON.


AT 07:02, BRIEFING WILL COMMENCE!
AT 07:00, PROCEED TO THE COMMAND POST!
YES!
THE YEARLY TRAINING PLAN IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH GROUP IN THE FLIGHT COURSE. IT IS PRIMARILY BASED ON THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE.
EACH TEAM ADVANCES SEQUENTIALLY IN THE TRAINING PLAN.

THAT'S... UHM... GIVEN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AIRCRAFT, IT'S... THIS ISN'T IT...
SAKAGAMI, ANSWER! WHAT TYPE OF STALL IS IT?
どる どる どる
STOP LOOKING AT YOUR TEXT BOOK!

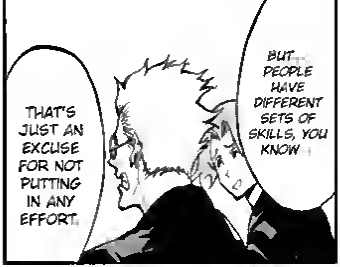

THIS IS THE GROUND PREPARATION COURSE FOR THE CHARLIE GROUP.

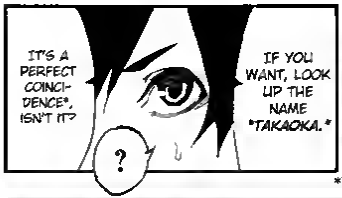

CLEARLY YOUR PERFORMANCE IS OF THE LOWEST IN THIS CLASS.
WITH YOUR CURRENT STATE, DO YOU EVEN THINK YOU'RE READY FOR THE REAL FLIGHT TRAINING COURSE?


I'M AMAZED BY YOUR INABILITY TO ANSWER SUCH A SIMPLE QUESTION.
REALLY...

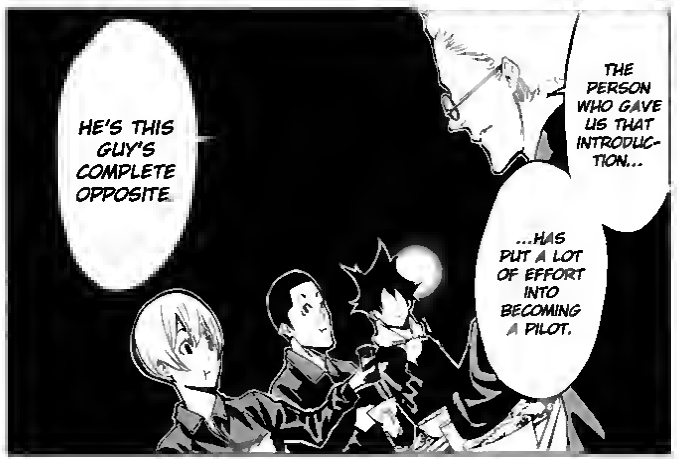
YOU ALREADY CRASHED BEFORE YOU EVEN FLEW.
O... OKAY, SIR...
THAT'S ENOUGH
NEXT WE WILL COVER-

AND ONLY YESTERDAY YOU WERE BOASTING ABOUT THIS "QUICK ROUTE".
WAS THIS WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
.....
WHAT HAVE YOU COME TO LEARN IN AVIATION SCHOOL?
HE-HEY, YOU GUYS.
SORRY FOR BEING BAD AT IT!
I'M JUST NOT VERY GOOD AT STUDY-ING!
"NOT VERY GOOD?"
"NOT VERY GOOD" ISN'T GOING TO CUT IT.
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BE "DEFICIENT" AS A PILOT.





*T/N: "Takaoka" is written using the characters 高 (high) and 岡 (hill)



TAKAOKA HAYARI
NDA CHIEF ADMISSIONS OFFICER
ALWAYS AT THE TOP IN HIS MAJORS.
HE'S INVOLVED IN ALL OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES, AND ALSO A NATIONAL CHAMPION AT KENDO.
HE CHAIRED AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CADETS FROM OVER SIXTY COUNTRIES.
HE'S THE MOST TALENTED AGENT THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES HAVE HAD IN TEN YEARS.
TRULY PUSHING THE LIMITS.

I'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
HEHE... SUCH AN AMAZING PERSON OF OUR TIME.
DON'T BOTHER, YOU'LL MAKE AN ENEMY OF HIM.
HAA !?
YOUR SO FAMILIAR WITH HIM,
ARE YOU ONE OF HIS FAN-BOYS?
DOESN'T LIKE SUCK-UPS EITHER.
TAKAOKA CAN'T STAND FOOLS.
...AND SHOWING ONE'S ABILITIES IS THE ONLY WAY.
.....
...AS WELL AS TECHNICAL SKILLS.
HAVING KNOWL-EDGE...
I'M REALLY STARTING UNDER-STAND THINGS WITH YOU TEACHING ME, HASEBE!
AH, I SEE!
SO WITH THIS FORMULA
IT'S THE WAY THINGS WORK HERE. AND IT'S HOW WE MUST SURVIVE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM. WE COULD ALSO HAVE ANOTHER QUICK STUDY SESSION TOMORROW.
NOW JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE..
EVERYONE HAS TO STUDY... EVEN PEOPLE LIKE TAKAOKA ...THE ELITE OF ELITES...
THEN AGAIN, SASAKI-SAN'S OBSESSION WITH HIM IS...
...NO THANKS.
BUT....
IF YOU REALLY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, EQUIPPING YOURSELF WITH ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE IS ESSENTIAL.
HE WASN'T ENTIRELY MISTAKEN..
I'M NOT EVEN SURE ABOUT MY OWN POTENTIAL...
BUT...
...IF I WANT TO BE A PILOT...
...I HAVE TO DO THIS.

SAKA
GAMI
YOUR GRADE FOR THE MID-TERM MOCK EXAM IS...
...WELL, YOU BARELY PASSED.
YOU ARE NOW PERMITTED TO PERFORM BASIC FLIGHT MANEUVERS.

ALRIGHT. CHARLIE GROUP HAS MANAGED TO OBTAIN THE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROCEED WITH THE FLIGHT TRAINING. THIS BEGINS TOMORROW.
TSK
YET YOU GUYS ARE NOW ONLY STANDING AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR JOURNEY.
IT'S WHEN YOU'RE IN THE SKIES THAT YOUR TRUE ABILITIES AS PILOTS WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST.
FLIGHT GROUP C BEGINNER FLIGHT MANEUVERING.
FIRST FLIGHT.
IS EVERYONE THROUGH WITH THE VISUAL INSPECTION?

DO NOT FORGET THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU WERE GIVEN IN THIS MORNING'S BRIEFING
YES!
TODAY'S THE DAY YOU'LL SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO, HUH...
!
"DON'T FORGET..." THOUGH, WITH YOUR LOUSY KNOWLEDGE ON FLIGHT
SASAKI-SAN.
THANK YOU.
HUH?
FOR NOT SUGAR-COATING THE TRUTH.
IT'S THE REASON WHY I CAN STAND AT THE STARTING LINE NOW
!
THOUGH I STILL WONDER IF I CAN REALLY SURVIVE THIS PLACE...
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
AN UNDER-LING LIKE YOU...
...GUESS I'LL GO FIND MY ANSWER IN THE SKIES.

...AT BEST, YOU'LL PROBABLY CRASH.
.....
OI, GLASSES.
YOU'D BETTER NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE THAT GUY.
!
WE'VE BEEN WITH HIM SINCE SCHOOL STARTED.
AND I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM SO I CAN TELL.
THEY SAY "A PILOT'S SKILLS REVEAL THEMSELVES IN THE SKIES" RIGHT?
RIKU IS EXACTLY LIKE THAT.
HE'S A GUY WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO FLY.

Houfu Tower, Set B-4, ready for takeoff
RUNWAY CLEAR!
WHEEL CHOCKS OFF!
SAKA GAMI
FOR YOUR FIRST DAY, OBSERVE CAREFULLY, AND MEMORIZE WHAT'S BEING DONE.
SEE HOW THE STEERING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS INTERACT.
IT'S COMPLICATED TO LEARN.
KONG -SAN
YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH TENJIN, BUT...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE YOU'VE EVER IMAGINED
IT'S NOTHING LIKE YOU'VE EVER SEEN.

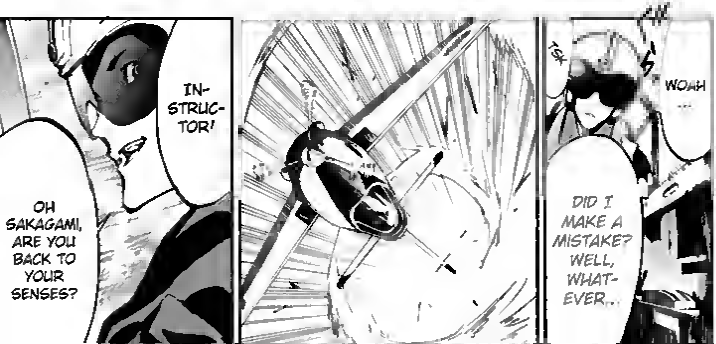
THE ONLY THING...
I AM ...
..WE'VE GOT TO KNOW..
...IS HOW TO FLY.
...FLYING.
CHARLIE GROUP ALL AIRCRAFTS RISING

IT'S CHARLIE GROUP'S FIRST FLIGHT TODAY, HUH?
I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM WILL GO HOME AFTER THIS.
AIR-SICKNESS
NERVES ...
TRYING TO REMEMBER TOO MUCH INFORMATION...
FIRST TIME FLYING IN THE SKY...
...WASN'T AS SWEET AS YOU THOUGHT, HUH, LITTLE CHICK?
HA
HA
HA
HEY
SASAKI
YOU FEELING ROUGH?
JUST SAY IF YOU'RE GONNA BE SICK.
WHAT... WHAT IS ALL THIS...
N... NO...
IT'S JUST LIKE BACK THEN ...
DAMN IT... IT'S NOT JUST SAKAGAMI NOW...

SAKA GAMI
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WE HAVE ALL THIS TRAINING SPACE.
DON'T LOOK AT THE SCENERY TOO MUCH.
FOR SOMEONE'S FIRST DAY, I'M A LITTLE IMPRESSED.
HUH...?
WHAT IS THIS FEELING ...?
THIS AIRCRAFT...
MAYBE WE'RE TURNING LEFT SOON...
SOON...
VERY SOON...

I KNEW IT...
I WAS ABLE TO PREDICT THE MANEUVER AHEAD OF TIME...
THE NEXT MOVE...
...IS A SWOOP UP FROM A DIVE
...THEN AGAIN, I THINK I ALREADY KNOW...
WHY DO I SEE WHAT'S COMING...?

THE VIBRATIONS TRAVELING UP MY SEAT.
THE WIND PRESSING AGAINST THE AIR-FRAME.
THESE THINGS ARE TELLING ME HOW TO FLY...
MERELY STUDYING THEM ON THE GROUND CONSTRAINS ME.
BUT EVERYTHING I'VE EVER NEEDED TO KNOW WAS ALWAYS THERE.


IN-STRUC-TOR!
OH SAKAGAMI, ARE YOU BACK TO YOUR SENSES?
TSK
WOAH...
DID I MAKE A MISTAKE? WELL, WHAT-EVER..

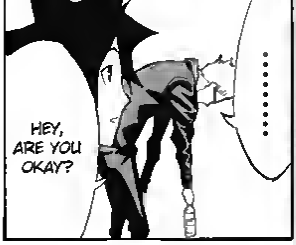
T/N: Aileron Roll = an acrobatic maneuver wherein an aircraft does a full 360° revolution about its longitudinal axis.

...WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?
NO, . . I MEAN IT JUST FELT OFF . .
...WHA ...
MY TIMING WAS OFF...
CERTAINLY WHEN I DID THAT 360° ROLL...
HUH?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY?
HOW COULD HE TELL?
...
BUT... MORE IMPORTANTLY
ISN'T THIS HIS FIRST FLIGHT...?

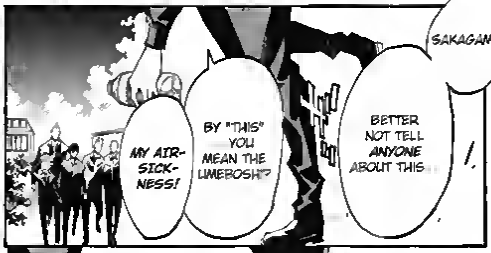
*T/N Umeboshi = pickled plums

THIS GUY'S FACE WAS CALM!
I GOT AIR-SICK
YOU KNOW UMEBOSHI* ARE GOOD FOR AIR SICKNESS
HUH? YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY NOW?
NO, NO IT'S WISDOM PASSED DOWN TO ME BY GRANDPA
"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FLYING AND MERE ACADEMIC APTITUDE," HUH...
TCH...
YOU'RE JUST LUCKY TO HAVE BEEN BORN WITH TALENT...

IF I WERE YOU, I'D BE WORRIED ABOUT MYSELF AND MY OWN BRAIN
HUH? WELL *EXCUSE ME* FOR TRYING TO HELP YOU
SOMEHOW, I THOUGHT I'D GET THE HANG OF FLIGHT MANEUVERS TODAY, BUT...
...I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO READ WHAT THE INSTRUMENTS WERE SAYING.
IN THE END I PANICKED, AND THAT WAS IT.
I STILL CAN'T FLY WELL RIGHT NOW
DOES THE LACK OF INNATE TALENT FOR THIS MEAN THAT I'VE REACHED MY LIMIT...?
BUT ISN'T ALL OF THAT UP TO YOU?
AFTER ALL, IT'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE FULLY DEVELOP OUR PILOTING SKILLS.



T/N: In reference to page 24, Riku said umeboshi (pickled plums) are good for airsickness



I HEARD A VERY INTERESTING STORY FROM...
...ONE OF THE INSTRUCTORS FROM THIS MORNING'S FLIGHT TRAINING
YOU ARE... TAKAOKA FROM BRAVO GROUP
!!
THIS PERSON IS...
...TAKAOKA HAYAA!!
ARE YOU...
...SAKAGAMI?
THE PRODIGY APPEARS...!

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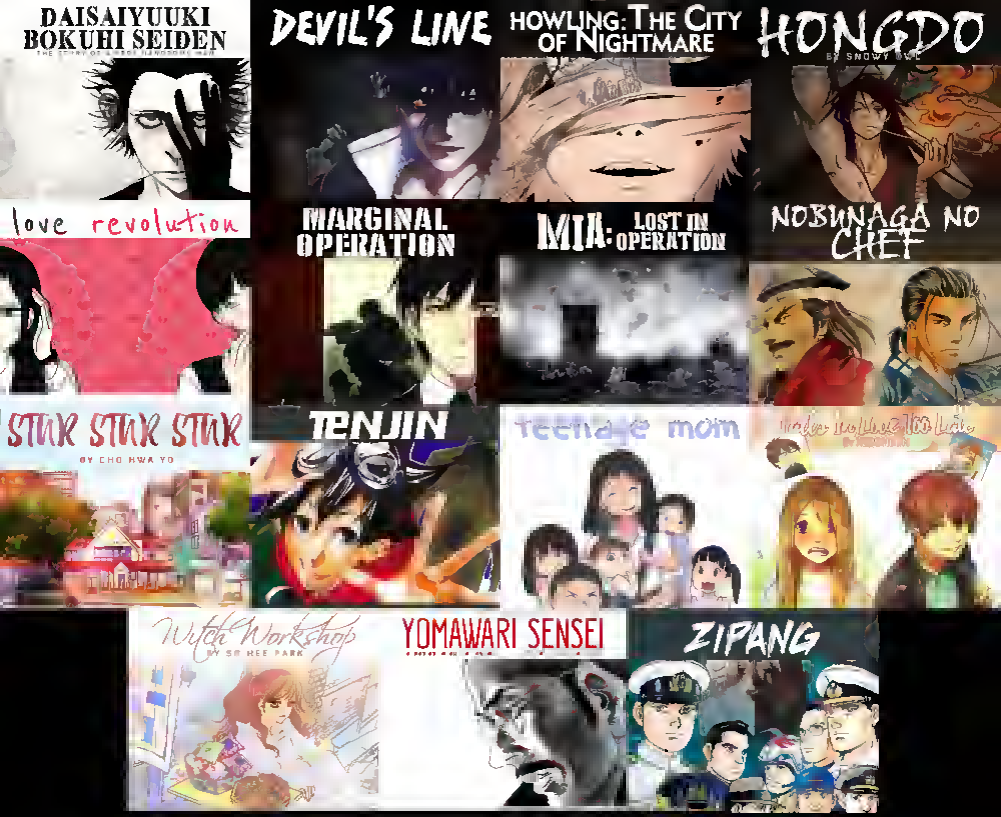

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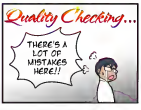

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